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SUBJECT: PRC MEDIA TREATMENT OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S SUMMIT TALKS

IN MOSCOW

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1. HONG KONG PRC-OWNED PRESS HAS GIVEN SOME SELECTIVE REPORTING ABOUT PRESIDENT NIXON'S SUMMIT TALKS IN MOSCOW. PRC-WONED HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO ARTICLE JUNE 27 DREW ON EXCERPTS OF VARIOUS WESTERN PRESS SOURCES TO CONVEY VIEWPOINT THAT SUMMIT UNLIKELY TO ACHIEVE SIGNIFICATN RESULTS RE STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS ISSUE, EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE OR MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS. ARTICLE CITES VARIOUS WESTERN COMMENTS TO EFFECT THAT "ROAD TO GENUINE PEACE HAS BECOME EVEN MORE DIFFICULT:" THAT EVEN IF MOSCOW MEETING REACHED AGREEMENT BANNING UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS, SUCH AGREEMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COULD NOT HAVE MUCH EFFECT ON PREVENTING STRATEGIC WEAPONS

RACE; THAT AGREEMENT ON EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE HIGHLY UNLIKELY; AND THAT ON MIDDLE EAST "OVERT AND COVERT RIVALRY WILL CONTINUE BETWEEN TWO SIDES." IN SUMMARY ARTICLE QUOTED AFP COMMENT THAT "FRUITS THAT MAY RESULT FROM PRESENT ROUND OF SUMMIT TALKS WILL BE LESS THAN THE LAST TWO."

2. CHINA'S NCNA ITSELF DID NOT REPORT PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW, OR SUBSEQUENT ACTIVITIES IN USSR. NEITHER HAS NCNA CARRIED ANY COMMENT ABOUT THE SUMMIT. AN NCNA BRUSSELS REPORT OF JUNE 26 ON THE MEETING OF THE NATO COUNTRIES MADE PASSING REFERENCE TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT, NOTING THAT THE MEETING TOOK PLACE ON "THE EVE OF NIXON'S VISIT TO MOSCOW." THE LACK OF ANY DIRECT NCNA MENTION ABOUT THE SUMMIT CONFORMS TO PAST PEKING PRACTICES REGARDING MEDIA TREATMENT OF U.S.-USSR SUMMIT TALKS. WHAT HAS BEEN UNUSUAL IS HONG KONG PRC PUBLICITY GIVEN TO SENATOR JACKSON'S VISIT TO THE PRC (REFTEL) AND PEKING'S PUBLICITY TREATMENT OF AMERICAN NUCLEAR PHYSICIST YANG CHEN-NING (HONG KONG 7366).

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